

CHICKASAW

Baptist Association,

1884.



MINUTES

—OF THE—

FORTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

—OF THE—

Chickasaw Baptist Association,

--HELD WITH--

Union Baptist Church,

Lafayette County, Miss.

Commencing September 19th, 1874.

OFFICERS:

ELD. J. T. PITTS.....	MODERATOR.
N. M. BERRY.....	TREASURER.
W. U. HAMPTON.....	CLERK.



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CHICKASAW BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

FIRST DAY—MORNING SESSION.

Dallas, September 19th, 1884.

The delegates composing the Forty-fifth Session of the Chickasaw Association met with the Union church on Friday before the third Sabbath in September, 1884.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder J. T. Pitts, text, Paul's letters to the Philippians, ii:16. Subject, "Hold forth the word of life." The sermon was delivered in a plain, practical manner. After preaching, the congregation was dismissed till 2 o'clock.

EVENING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment.

The Moderator read the 53rd chapter of Isaiah.

Prayer by Elder H. L. Finley.

The letters from the churches were then called for and read by Elders D. C. M. Bigham and G. W. Potter, who were appointed reading clerks by the Moderator.

After reading the letters, proceeded to elect officers.]

On motion, the regular rule of electing officers was suspended and the following brethren elected by acclamation, viz:

Elder J. T. Pitts, Moderator ; N. M. Berry, Treasurer ; W. U. Hampton, Clerk.

On motion, the Moderator appointed the following committees, viz :

To arrange order of business—Elders G. W. Potter, W. L. Farmer and Brethren N. M. Berry, F. Souter and S. Hughes.

On Devotional Exercises—D. E. Mitchell, S. C. Darden and N. M. Berry, with the deacons of Union church.

On motion, adjourned till 8 o'clock Saturday morning.

Prayer by Elder L. Ball.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder I. H. Anding.

Minutes of Friday read and adopted.

Committee to arrange Order of Business, submitted the following report, which, on motion, was adopted, to-wit :

1. Call for petitionary letters.
 2. Call for correspondence.
 3. Determine place of holding next session of this body.
 4. Elect a minister to preach the introductory sermon at the next Association,
 5. Call for reports of standing committees, viz :
 1. Domestic Missions.]
 2. Mississippi College.
 3. Education.
 4. Sabbath-schools.
 5. Foreign Missions.
 6. Temperance.
 7. State of Religion.
 - [8. Documents and Publications.
 6. Report on Finance.
 7. Report of Treasurer.
 8. Appoint correspondents.
 9. Appoint standing committees.
 10. General business and resolutions.
- Called for petitionary letters. None.

Called for correspondents.

Tippah Association—Elders J. E. Buchanan, I. H. Anding and H. L. Finley.

Yallobusha —Elder W. I. Hargis.

State Mission Board—Elder L. Ball.

Mississippi College—Elder I. H. Anding.

On motion, the correspondents were unanimously received to represent their several works before this body, and the right hand of welcome extended them by the Moderator.

On motion, agreed to meet with the Mt Pleasant church, in Union county, on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in September, 1885.

On motion, suspended the rule and elected Elder C. W. Smith, by acclamation, to preach the introductory sermon, and Elder D. E. Gambrell alternate.

Called for reports of standing committees.

1. Domestic Missions. The committee not being ready, on motion, the regular order of was suspended and the report on Sabbath-schools called for. The chairman of that committee not being present. Brother S. C. Darden read, as a substitute, the report as adopted by this body last year, which, after remarks by Elders G. W. Potter, L. Ball, J. E. Buchanan, H. L. Finley. and Brethren S. C. Darden and F. Souther, was, on motion, adopted, to-wit :

REPORT ON SUNDAY-SCHOOLS.

Your committee on Sunday-schools beg leave to report :

That the time for argument in favor of their utility is past, to get our churches to organize, foster and keep them in a healthy and prosperous condition is the great object which we should have in view. At no period in the history of the Christian church has there been so much labor bestowed in this direction, as at the present time. We feel justified in asserting that there are more young people engaged in the study of God's word than at any former period. The future, on this account, is full of bright and hopeful prospects. The earnest study of God's word will surely make of such stu-

dents strong, active workers in the Lord's vineyard. All of us feel that this is our great need for the prosperity of God's cause to-day. If we sow seed in unprepared soil, or plant and fail to cultivate, we may expect our plants to be only dwarfs. We surely could not expect to reap a bountiful harvest. Nor need we expect to see our young church members become strong men and women in Christ Jesus, ready for every good word and work, if they are not taught their duty from the Bible.

While the great multitude of Sabbath-school workers are going forward with accelerated speed year by year, will we stand idly by and allow our young people and our children to be deprived of such great advantages as the Sabbath-school affords? May the Lord help us to discharge our duty in this regard.

We would recommend *Kind Words*, published at Macon, Ga., and the publications of the American Baptist Publication Society, at Philadelphia, as sound Baptist literature, in every way suitable for Sabbath-school helps,

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. DARDEN, Cm'n.

Elder D. C. M. Bigham read the following report on Domestic Missions, which, after instructive speeches by himself, Elder H. L. Finley, and L. Ball, took pledges from the churches and individuals to the amount of \$268.50.

On motion, the report was adopted.

REPORT ON DOMESTIC MISSIONS.

Domestic or Home Missions includes our Associational mission work, our State mission work, and the Home mission work of the Southern Baptist Convention. Whilst there may be but little destitution in the bounds of our Association, still we learn from the report of the Secretary of our State Mission Board that the destitution in the bounds of our State Convention "has simply been touched up to the present," so that there is a very great need of an advance movement. We cannot afford to neglect extending the cause of Christ in our own State. Our State Board has 18 missionaries employed at a cost of about \$8000. From the rapid extension of new railroad lines, and other causes, new fields of destitution are continually being opened. So that there is a great necessity

of increasing the number of missionaries.

To secure this we need the co-operation of all our people. If all our Associations would co-operate with the State convention, and every church with its Association, and every member with his church, then we would present a combined phalanx of the Lord in the cause of missions, the influence of which would be felt not only upon our own souls; but also in the development of our churches, and in the salvation of many precious souls.

We must not neglect the claims of the Home Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. The corresponding secretary of the Board asks for \$100,000 this year. Of this amount, Mississippi is called on for \$5000. This Board has had 144 missionaries employed last year. Brother H. F. Sproles, of Jackson, is local corresponding secretary of the Home Mission Board for our State, Brother L. Ball, of Clinton, is corresponding secretary of our State Mission Board, and Brother N. M. Berry, of Cherry Creek, Chairman of the advisory committee of our Association. We recommend liberal contributions to Domestic Missions from every church in our Association.

Respectfully submitted,

D. C. M. BIGHAM, Chm'n.

Pledges for Domestic Missions, to be paid by January, 1885.

Antioch church.....	\$ 5 00
Bethel, L. C.....	10 00
Cypress Creek.....	5 00
Cherry Creek.....	65 00
Duncan's Creek.....	5 00
Friendship.....	5 15
Fredonia.....	8 35
Liberty.....	10 00
Mt. Pleasant.....	20 00
Mt. Pisgah.....	5 00
New Hope.....	5 00
Oak Grove.....	10 00
Poplar Springs.....	5 00
Philadelphia.....	10 00
Spring Hill.....	15 00

Shiloh.....	10 00
Shady Grove.....	5 00
Spring Creek.....	10 00
Temperance Hill.....	10 00
Toccopola.....	23 00
Union	5 00
Zion Hill.....	5 00
Ladies' Missionary Society, Cherry Creek.....	5 00
W. P. Hutchinson.....	2 00
Rhere Bro's., (Salem).....	5 00
Total.....	268 50

On motion, Association adjourned till 1 o'clock p.m.
Prayer by Elder J. E. Buchanan.

AFTERNOON SESSION

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Prayer by Elder W. L. Farmer.

Renewed call for correspondents, when the following were received and welcomed.

From the Aberdeen Association—Elder W. F. Davis and J. T. Lambert:

Oxford Association—W. K. Bryant.

The Moderator appointed the following committee on Finance, viz: H. D. Blaylock, G. A. Logan and J. W. Boatwright.

The Moderator announced that at 1½ o'clock Elder D. E. Gambrell would preach in the grove near the church, which he did to a large and attentive congregation. Text, Revelations iii:20.

On motion, the Moderator was allowed to grant leave of absence to such brethren as were necessarily compelled to go home.

On motion, the reports on Mississippi College and Education were ordered read and discussed in conjunction. The report on Mississippi College was read by Elder D. E. Gam-

brell, that on Education by N. M. Berry, which, after remarks by Elders D. C. M. Bigham, G. W. Potter, L. Ball, W. I. Hargis and I. H. Anding, pledges were taken to the amount of \$79.50.

On motion, the reports were adopted.

REPORT OF MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

This is our school. It was bequeathed to us by our fathers; and the work it is doing under God in the head and heart culture of its students; and the influence it is exerting through them and its alumni, not only upon our State but the world, is a work which, in its splendid results, is unsurpassed, perhaps, by any other agency fostered by the denomination in our State. Contemplate our condition as Baptists, in this and other States; were it not for those who have been prepared in this school for the grand work in which they are engaged. While we encourage Christian education everywhere, let us not be forgetful to nurture this institution. This gift of God. We recommend this college to all who have sons to educate, and especially to young ministers who are seeking an education. There are from thirty to forty young ministers in attendance at this school annually, who pay no tuition. Can we expect a few professors to give so much time and talent for the benefit of the churches and the world, while we remain idle? Let us aid them in this grand work by our means, our patronage and our prayers. The work of Ministerial Education is being appreciated and encouraged more and more by our people. This is hopeful, for generally churches are developed in all departments of Christian work in proportion to the development of their pastors. The board of trustees, at their last meeting, determined to raise an endowment of \$25,000; and to accomplish this, an agent has been continued in the field. Should this amount be realized, it could be invested so as to bring in an income sufficient to meet the constantly recurring deficits. Five hundred Baptists in the State who would give fifty dollars each toward the endowment would make the desired amount. Let us turn our attention to the College. The work it is doing for us as a denomination, and the good it promises to future generations, should prompt us to help and to help now. It will be necessary to raise money to pay the tuition of young ministers. That this may not be overlooked, your committee would

recommend that each church take a collection during the year for current expenses, and that young ministers who feel their need of a better education be encouraged to attend Mississippi College.

Respectfully submitted,
D. E. GAMBRELL, Chm'n.

Pledges for Mississippi College :

Spring Creek church.....	\$ 5 00
Cherry Creek.....	27 50
Mt. Pleasant.....	10 00
Abbeville.....	7 00
Toccoola.....	5 00
New Albany.....	10 00
Philadelphia.....	10 00
Ladies Missionary Society, Cherry Creek.....	5 00
Total.....	\$79 50

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your committee are glad to be able to report a growing interest in the cause of education.

On this subject there seems to be a boom, which promises for the future, an intelligent membership in our denomination. Facilities for acquiring an education by our young people seem to increase, in proportion with our demands. We take pleasure in recommending Blue Mountain Female College, as a suitable place to send our daughters. And Mississippi College, at Clinton, for our sons. The time has come when our motto should be, a consecrated, intelligent membership in all our churches. For this state of things can we hope and pray.

We certainly can, provided we put forth efforts commensurate with its importance.

Respectfully submitted,
N. M. BERRY, Chm'n.

The committee on Devotional Exercises submitted the following report of appointments for preaching, to-wit :

Saturday night at Spring Hill School-house—Eld. I. Smith.
Saturday night at Huckaby School-house—Eld. J. E.

Buchanan.

Saturday night at Independence School-house—Eld. W. F. Davis.

Sunday 10 o'clock, at Union church—Eld. W. I. Hargis.

Sunday 10 o'clock, at Liberty church—Eld. I. H. Anding.

Sunday 10 o'clock, at Sarepta church—Eld. J. E. Buchanan.

Sunday 11 o'clock, at Union church—Eld. L. Ball.

Sunday 11 o'clock, at Liberty church—Eld. G. W. Potter.

Sunday 11 o'clock, at Sarepta church—Eld. J. T. Pitts.

Sunday 11 o'clock, at Spring Hill school-house—Eld. W. L. Farmer.

Sunday night at Union church—Eld. I. M. Gray.

Sunday night at Spring Hill school-house—Eld. H. L. Finley.

Sunday night at Huckaby school-house—Eld. Tho. Gorley.

Monday 12 o'clock, at Union church—Eld. I. H. Anding.

On motion, the regular order of business was suspended, and the following resolution adopted, viz :

Resolved, That we request brethren to take cash collections at all the places appointed for preaching to-morrow ; and that the amount so raised be equally divided between the State board work and the Foreign Mission work.

On motion, the Association adjourned till 8 1-2 o'clock Monday morning.

Prayer by Eld. G. W. Potter.

SUNDAY AT UNION.

At 10 o'clock a. m., Eld. W. I. Hargis preached to a very large and increasing congregation. Text, Romans v : 1. subject, faith.

At 11 o'clock Eld. L. Ball preached a very forcible and instructive sermon. Text, Revelation 22: 17.

The public collection on Sunday as per resolution, amounted to \$18.85.

At night Eld. I. M. Gray preached to a very good audience.
Text, John iii: 14 and 16.

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MONDAY MORNING.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by Eld. L. Ball.

Minutes of Saturday read and adopted.

Proceeded with the regular order of business.

Eld. G. W. Potter read the following report on Foreign Missions, which after remarks by himself, (Eld. C. W. Smith stated to the body that Bro. W. A. Funk had been called home on account of the severe sickness of his son, and that it was the request of said Bro. that a special prayer be offered by this Association, to God, for the recovery of his child, which was then engaged in Eld. C. W. Smith leading) Eld. J. E. Buchanan, I. M. Anding and L. Ball, who at the close of his remarks exhibited a beautiful quilt, pieced by Sister Margare Coldwell, who is 86 years old. She gave the quilt as a donation to Foreign Missions. The Association bought it for the sum of \$16.75. the money to be sent to Foreign Missions, and the quilt to be quilted by the Ladies Missionary Society of Cherry Creek and sent to Clinton for the benefit of the young ministers there. The Moderator then asked the Association to join in a prayer to God to bless the contribution, Eld. L. Ball leading.

On motion, the report, in conjunction with the resolution following, were adopted:

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The vast heathen world that to-day is claiming the attention of Christians is made up of 856,000,000 human beings who are without God and without hope in the world.

How appalling to think that these would make one thous-

and States with a population each equal to that of Mississippi; and yet no Gospel, no hope of a better life. Something is being done towards sending the Gospel to these perishing millions, but when all the evangelists of all protestant denominations are counted who are in foreign fields, there is in China, to say nothing of the vast continent in Africa, more than 1,000,000 people to each missionary.

Our Southern Board has in its employ 95 missionaries and assistants, male and female, who have laid themselves upon the altar of sacrifice. The labors of these faithful ones have been greatly blessed. In the African mission during the past year 31 were baptized; in Italy 25; in China 65; in Brazil 20; and in Mexico 52 were baptized and received by letter. Although the Foreign Board made an earnest appeal last year to Mississippi Baptists for \$8,000 which amount we thought to be a fair apportionment of the \$100,000 proposed to be raised in the Southern States; yet from 1st of July, 1883, to July, 1884, only \$1890.71 had been received. The same request is made for this year, and the apportionment of that \$8,000 for this Association is only \$250.00 or about nine cents per member. The minutes show that this Association raised from September, 1882, to September, 1883, \$73.55. From our last meeting to this, less has been done. Brethren will we not do more for this work? Will not pastors see to it that their churches take collections for this object? Will we not every one of us contribute something, that the glad tidings may go to the perishing heathen? Let us do all we can to inform our people about the destitution in foreign lands, and then urge them to do what they can.

Respectfully submitted,
G. W. POTTER, Chm'n.

Resolved, That we, the pastors and delegates of this Association, promise that we will make an effort to raise ten cents per member in our respective churches, for Foreign Missions, during the next year.

Pledges made in letters for Foreign Missions, to be paid by January 1st, 1885, Shiloh, \$4.00; Temperance Hill, \$5.00.

Elder S. M. Gray read the following report on Temperance which, after speeches by himself, Elders H. L. Finley, G. W. Potter and Brother S. Hughes, was, on motion, adopted:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee beg leave to submit the following report :
 After some thought on the subject, we conclude that temperance in all things is necessary, but more especially in the use of intoxicating liquors. Dram-drinking is the crying sin everywhere. Your committee would recommend that churches make an effort to put down the use of ardent spirits as a beverage. The habit of dram-drinking is too common among our church members. Brethren, these things ought not so to be.

The remedy we would suggest now, is that every member of the great brotherhood of Baptists turn their influence against this very great sin.

Respectfully submitted,

I. M. GRAY, Chm'n.

Brother F. Souter read the following report on the State of Religion, which, on motion, was adopted :

REPORT ON STATE OF RELIGION.

We are happy to note the good results of protracted meetings in many of the churches. The letters show nearly 400 baptisms during this associational year. Now if it be so that all these are really baptisms into Christ and by the Holy Spirit made willing servants, as well as happy children of the most High; have we not great reason to thank God and take courage? Other good results of such meetings are manifest in the spirit of upbuilding of the church membership. In this respect, we think we see some progress, but as servants of Christ, we still live very far beneath our privileges. The Holy word plainly teaches God's special providence; and also that when we work willingly and sacrifice liberally, we shall be fed bountifully. How very strange that we should allow our selfishness to rob us of so much religious happiness, which the Father desires to bestow on us. Now, let us abandon this lazy, slothful system of service, and learn ourselves the quick step of willing, punctual service to the great rewarder of all deeds. Is it not possible that, by prayer and consecration, every member of every church can, if they will live close enough to the Savior, be willing, and not ashamed to speak a word of admonition to a sinner at proper times and be always ready to contribute, in answer to the calls of

His Majesty for purposes of his own glory ; that honoring the Lord with service and substance, and reaping the rewards of a well spent life in hope of a glorious immortality.

Respectfully submitted,

I. SMITH, Chm'n.

Elder D. C. M. Bigham read the report on Publications, as published last year. On motion, the same was adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

We, your committee to whom was referred the reports on documents and Publications, respectfully submit the following :

We recommend the brethren to take the Baptist Record, the Tennessee Baptist and other publications of the society of Memphis, the Foreign Mission Journal and Kind Words.

That the Clerk superintend the printing and distributing of the Minutes of the Association, and that he have so much of the proceedings of the Union meetings published as relates to the time and place of meeting ; also the names of brethren appointed to preach stated sermons, those to write essays, and the queries selected for discussion, and that he be allowed \$7.50 for his services.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. MORGAN, Chm'n.

The following appointment of correspondents was made :

Calhoun Association—Elder D. E. Gambrell.

Tippah—W. R. Spencer and Elders G. W. Potter, D. C. M. Bigham, J. T. Pitts and I. Smith.

Judson—Elders J. T. Pitts, I. Smith, G. W. Potter, D. C. M. Bigham, C. W. Smith and Brother J. W. Tucker.

Oxford—F. Souter, J. W. Powell, S. Hughes and Elder J. H. Morgan.

Aberdeen—W. L. Souter, and Elder J. T. Pitts.

Coldwater—Elder A. J. Gaines, J. T. Brown, G. A. Logan, J. M. Tucker, J. W. Boatwright, J. M. Shadrich, Elders J. H. Morgan, I. Smith and D. E. Gambrell.

Tishomingo—N. M. Berry, Elders D. C. M. Bigham, D. E.

Gambrell and Brother D. E. Mitchell.

Baptist State Convention—Elders D. C. M. Bigham, G. W. Potter, C. W. Smith, I. M. Gray, F. M. Ferrell, J. H. Morgan, I. Smith, F. M. Vines, and brethren N. M. Berry, W. L. Souther, J. W. Powell, A. J. Guines, F. Souther, John L. Brswn, J. T. Hodges, J. McTucker, W. P. Winters, S. Hughes and S. C. Darden.

The Moderator appointed the following committees of the Chickasaw Association for the year 1885:

Domestic Missions—Elder C. W. Smith, W. L. Souther and Elder T. Gorley.

Foreign Missions—Elders G. W. Potter, I. Smith. and B. J. Caldwell.

Mississippi College—Elder D. E. Gambrell, Elder J. H. Morgan and J. T. Brown.

Education—N. M. Berry, F. Souther, and Wm. Gresham.
Sabbath-schools—S. C. Darden, S. Hughes and J. W. Powell.

State of Religion—Elders W. L. Farmer, I. M. Gray and Jas. Smith.

Documents and Publications—W. H. Seales, J. T. Short and W. A. Funk.

The following resolutions were read and adopted, to-wit:

Resolved, 1st That the churches hereafter be requested to add to their statistical table, the amounts paid their pastors, expended on church building, Home or State Missions, Mississippi College, Dinisterial Education and Seminary. And also a complete list of their deceased members, that the same may be published in the Minutes.

2d. That the thanks of this body is tendered to our officers for their faithfulfulness in the discharge of their respective duties, and to the brethren, sisters and friends of this church and community for their abundant hospitality shown our Association during our present session in their midst.

Called and corrected the role of names of delegates. Minutes read and adopted.

REPORT ON FINANCE.

Your committee ask leave to report the following amounts sent up for minutes, viz :

Churches.	
Amaziah.....	\$ 1 25
Abbeville.....	.85
Antioch.....	1 0
Bethel L. C.....	1 60
Bethel U. C.....	.95
Bluff Springs.....	1 50
Cypress Creek.....	1 00
Cherry Creek.....	4 10
Cary Springs.....	.50
Duncan's Creek.....	2 20
Friendship.....	.80
Fredonia.....	.80
Liberty.....	1 05
Mt. Pleasant.....	2 70
Mt. Pisgah.....	.40
Midway.....	1 45
New Hope.....	1 55
New Albany.....	1 00
Oak Grove.....	1 60
Poplar Springs.....	1 00
Pleasant Hill.....	2 10
Philadelphia.....	1 70
Piney Grove.....	1 30
Pleasant Dale.....	.40
Spring Hill.....	1 30
Shiloh.....	2 00
Shady Grove.....	.90
Salem.....	.75
Spring Creek.....	1 10
Temperance Hill.....	1 50
Toccopola.....	2 00
Union.....	1 00
Zion Hill.....	.90
Total.....	\$44 25

The Treasurer submitted the following :

TREASURERS REPORT.

N. M. Berry. Treasurer, in account
with Chickasaw Association :

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Jan. 15--To am't rec'd from Shiloh church.....	\$ 13 50
" " " Cherry Creek church.....	31 00
" 17 " " F. Souter.....	10 00
" 22 " " Fredonia church.....	4 75
Jan. 22--To am't rec'd from Spring Hill church.....	15 00
Jan. 31--To am't rec'd from C. W. Smith.....	5 00
March 25--To am't rec'd from W. S. Wooten.....	16 00
March 27--To am't rec'd from Liberty church.....	12 25
April 13--To am't rec'd from Cherry Creek.....	14 45
April 13--To am't rec'd from Cherry Creek church, being a public collection by L. Ball.....	82 75
April 28--To am't rec'd from Pleasant Ridge church.....	5 00
April 18--To am't rec'd from W. L. Souter.....	5 00
May--To am't rec'd from Pleasant Hill church.....	10 00
June--To am't rec'd from Fredonia church.....	3 00
June 27--To am't rec'd from Shady Grove church.....	5 00
July 12--To am't rec'd from Miss Fannie Goodman.....	2 50
July 18--To am't rec'd from Mrs. M. M. Smith.....	60
Sep. 14--To am't rec'd from Cherry Creek church.....	10 40
Sep. 17--To am't rec'd from Friendship church.....	2 20
Sep. 18--To am't rec'd from Amaziah church.....	1 70
Sep. 18--To am't rec'd from Cherry Creek church.....	3 50
ep. 2)--To am't rec'd from Ella Toland (Spring Creek church).....	2 85
Sep. 20--To am't rec'd from Zion Hill church.....	5 00
Sep. 20--To am't rec'd from New Albany church.....	7 25
Sep. 20--To am't rec'd from Antioch church.....	5 00
Sep. 20--To am't rec'd from Mt. Pisgah church.....	3 00
To am't rec'd from Fredonia church by J. B. Gaulding.....	4 10
To am't rec'd from Fredonia church by public collection.....	1 15
To am't rec'd from Fredonia church Old Pledge.....	2 50
Sep. 22--To am't rec'd from 1/2 public collection yesterday.....	9 55
Sep. 22--To am't rec'd from Ladies Missionary Society, Cherry Creek.....	4 00
Sep. 22--To am't rec'd from Bro. Mc. McCarver.....	1 00
Sep. 22--To am't rec'd from Bro. John R. Hill.....	2 00
Sep. 22--To am't rec'd from Mt. Pleasant church.....	7 75
Sep. 22--To am't rec'd from Duncan's Creek.....	5 00
Sep. 22--To am't rec'd from Abbeville church.....	5 00
Sep. 22--To am't from Temperance Hill church.....	11 00

Total for State Missions since Sep. 1883.....\$293 65

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4040
5070
2930

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Jan. 17, by am't pd D. E. Gambrell for mission work at Temperance Hill, bal. of salary.....	36 45
Jan. 17, by am't pd on register letter	10
Jan. 17, by am't pd G. W. Leavell, (Treas. State Mission Board).....	15 00
Feb. 14, by am't pd H. L. Finley, missionary at Antioch, 1834.....	12 00
April 13, by am't pd L. Ball, Sec'y State Board.....	93 70
April 17, by am't pd G. W. Leavell.....	12 25
By am't pd G. W. Leavell at sundry times.....	45 00
June 17, by am't pd G. W. Leavell.....	23 00
Sep. 22, by am't pd H. L. Finley, salary in full.....	65 00
Sep. 22, by am't pd L. Ball to balance.....	21 65
Sep. 22, by am't pd D. E. Gambrell.....	11 00
Total	<u>\$293 66</u>

FOREIGN MISSIONS.

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April 26, to am't received from Amaziah church.....	2 80
Sep. 20, to am't received from Temperance Hill church.....	5 00
Sep. 22, to am't rec'd from Bro. J. R. Hill.....	1 00
Sep. 22, to am't received from Mc. McCarver.....	50
Sep. 22, to am't received from Mt. Pleasant church.....	4 85
Sep. 22, to am't received from $\frac{1}{2}$ public collection yesterday.....	9 55
Sep. 22, to am't received from sale of quilt by Eld. L. Ball.....	16 75
Total am't rec'd since Sep. 1883.....	<u>\$ 40 45</u>

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April 26, by am't sent Rev. H. A. Tupper.....	2 80
Sep. 22, by am't sent by Eld. L. Ball to Geo. Whitfield, local Sec'y for the Foreign Mission Board.....	37 65
Total	<u>\$ 40 45</u>

MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE.

1883.

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Dec. 11, to amount received from J. T. Pius	5 00
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1884.

April 13, to amount received from Ladies Missionary Society at Cherry Creek.....	5 00
June 18, to amount received from Cherry Creek church.....	18 70
June 18, to amount received from Ladies Missionary Society Cherry Creek.....	6 55
Sep. 20, to amount received from Ladies Missionary Society at Amaziah.....	5 00
Total since Sep. 1883.....	\$ 40 25

1884.

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Feb. 21, by amount paid Z. T. Leavell.....	5 00
April 17, by amount paid Z. T. Leavell.....	5 00
June 14, by amount paid W. S. Webb.....	26 00
Sep. 22, by amount paid I. H. Anding to balance.....	4 25
Total	\$ 40 25

Respectfully submitted,
N. M. BERRY, Treasurer.

On motion, the Association adjourned to hear a sermon by Elder I. H. Anding, and meet with Mt. Pleasant church, in Union county, on Friday before the 3d Sabbath in September 1885, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

Brother Anding preached a short and forcible sermon from Philippians 2:12-13, after which a hymn was sung and the brethren and friends took the parting hand. Prayer by Eld. L. Ball.

Thus closed another very interesting and harmonious session of the old Chickasaw Baptist Association,

ELD. J. T. PITTS, Moderator,
W. U. HAMPTON, Clerk.

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Ordained Ministers,

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E. MCGREORY.....Toccopola

C. W. SIMTH.....	Toccopola
F. M. FERRELL.....	Toccopola
G. W. POTTER.....	Cherry Creek
J. T. PITTS.....	Cherry Creek
D. C. M. BIGHAM.....	Cherry Creek
I. SMITH.....	Wallerville
J. A. JOHNSON.....	Randolph
THOS. GORLEY.....	Randolph
J. P. JOHNSON.....	Randolph
F. M. VINES.....	Dallas
JAMES FURGUSON.....	Dallas
G. J. ROBBINS.....	Esperanza
J. H. MORGAN.....	Bethlehem
WM. LANGSTON.....	New Albany
I. M. GRAY.....	Cornersville
W. L. FARMER.....	Cornersville
J. R. JOHNSON.....	Rocky Ford
H. L. KID.....	Esperanza
A. J. GAINES.....	Waterford
J. P. RODGERS.....	Waterford
D. E. GAMBRELL.....	Bethlehem
R. J. PICKENS.....	Darden
J. N. SWAIN.....	Darden

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Licentiates.

G. E. MURPHY.....	Lafayette Springs.
J. M. CLEVELAND.....	New Albany.
R. M. BELL.....	Pontotoc.
W. L. MULLINS.....	Dallas.
W. F. BUTLER.....	Hickory Flat.
E. C. MAHAN.....	Toccopolo.
W. P. WINTERS.....	Oxford.

J. L. C. VANN.....	Toccopola.
W. H. MILLER.....	Oxford.
J. M. HUCKABY.....	Molino.
P. P. WATTS.....	Dallas.
T. J. VERNER.....	Randolph.
BENNET TUTOR.....	Randolph.
G. N. WILLIAMS.....	Graham.
W. P. HUTCHINSON.....	Caswell.

UNION MEETING.

—OF THE—

FIRST DISTRICT.

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The Union meeting of the First District meets with Cherry Creek church, Pontotoc county, on Thursday before the 1st Sunday in August, 1885. Elder J. T. Pitts to preach the introductory sermon and Elder D. C. M. Bigham alternate.

The following brethren were appointed to write essays on the subjects written in connection with their names.

1. Church Discipline—D. E. Mitchell,
2. Who are the Missionary Baptists, and where did they come from?—Elder J. T. Pitts.
3. What good has come of the agitation of the Temperance question?—J. A. Rodgers.
4. Have we Bible authority for believing that the days of miracles are past?—Elder G. W. Potter.
5. What good may we expect from Sunday-schools?—A. B. Knox.
6. Evils of dram-drinking, especially as practiced by members of the church.—N. M. Berry.
7. Exegesis on 3d and 5th of John.—Elder D. C. M. Bigham.
8. Youthful piety.—Virgil B. Tucker.
8. Sin of covetousness—W. L. Souter.

QUERY

Is it right to hold union protracted meetings with other denominations?

—Clerk.

—Moderator,

UNION MEETING.
—OF THE—
SECOND DISTRICT.
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The Union meeting of the Second District meets with the Duncan's Creek church, Pontotoc county, on Thursday before the 2d Sunday in August, A. D., 1884. Elder I. M. Gray to preach the introductory sermon and Elder J. L. Ferguson alternate.

Elder Thomas Gorley to preach a sermon to the ministers and deacons, and W. L. Farmer alternate.

The following brethren were appointed to write essays on the subjects written in connection with their names.

1. The Christian hope—P. P. Watts.
2. Is it the duty of all missionaries to support missions?—C. W. Smith.
3. Who are the Missionary Baptists and whence came they?—D. E. Gambrell.
4. The best method of raising the pastor's support—F. Souter.
5. Temperance—W. E. Taylor.
6. If the Sabbath-school is a good thing, why not all churches have them?—F. M. Ferrell.

QUERIES.

1. Has the church a right, according to the Gospel, to exclude a member for unattendance without first notifying him?
2. What is the meaning of Matthew 18:18?
3. Was John's baptism the Gospel baptism?

ELD. THO. GORLEY, Moderator.
A. N. SINGLETON, Clerk.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Churches.	Pastors.	Post Office.	Names of Delegates.	Baptized	Received by letter	Excluded	Restored	Die by letter	Total membership	Paid to Pastors.	Paid for Home or State Missions	Paid for Foreign Missions	Paid for Missions College	Expended on church building	Paid for Ministerial Education	Total paid to different objects	Sabbath of Meeting
Amaziah	W E Berry	Cornersville	W L Farmer, I M Gray and L M Baker	3	5	2	1	1	95							5 00	2d and 4th.
Abbeville	W I Hargis	Abbeville	G A Logan	3	4	1	1	1	71		5 00						4th.
Antioch	H L Finley	Bethlehem	S A Webb and M J Lewis	4	6	1	1	1	56			5 00	5 00				1st.
Bethel, L C	C W Smith	Oxford	W P Winter, W S Wooten and A R Wilson	8	15	2	6	3	91	100 00							2d.
Bethel, U C	I M Gray	Esperanza	W H Powell	7	1	1	1	1	95								4th.
Bluff Springs	I M Gray	Denmark	W H Miller and G W Hanson	4	1	1	1	1	62								4th.
Cypress Creek	I M Gray	Liberty Hill	Wells Watson, M C Butler and A R Owens	22	3	1	1	1	39	130 00	131 70		26 00		15 00	302 70	d.
Cary Springs	D C M Bigham	Cherry Creek	J T Pitts, D C M Bigham and N M Berry	1	1	1	5	3	40								4th.
Duncan's Creek	J L Farguson	Randolph	Wm Linsey and J Simmons	22	3	1	1	1	96								4th.
Friendship	J T Pitts	Thackston	The Shumaker, W W Norwood and W P Dickson	1	1	1	1	1	46								3d.
Fredonia	W F Davis	Cherry Creek	J R Hill and Mc Carver	3	1	1	1	1	86	11 00	11 00						4th.
Liberty	C W Smith	Fredonia	J B Gaulding	14	7	1	1	3	77								1st.
Mt Pleasant	J E Buchanan	Fairview	B J Caldwell, N Fispatrie and T D Brandon	6	6	1	1	1	143	110 00	31 40	5 35	16 60			166 05	2d.
Mt Pisgah	G W Potter	Wallerville	I Smith, G W Potter and D E Mitchell	15	5	1	1	1	129								4th.
Midway	I Smith	Darden	S C Darden	14	4	1	2	12	73								1st.
New Hope	I M Gray	Caswell	John Buse and W P Hatchinson	1	2	1	1	1	100								3d.
New Albany	W F Davis	Pontotoc	W H Seales and J M Smith	4	13	1	1	1	60	48 00							1st.
Oak Grove	J E Buchanan	New Albany	J B Stewart	1	1	1	1	1	116								2d.
Poplar Springs	I Smith	Myrtle	W B Gresham, J T Swain and J M Hambric	1	1	1	1	1	59								4th.
Pleasant Ridge	F M Vines	Delay	S Hughes James Watts and Green Coffman	12	6	1	2	2	162								3d.
Pleasant Hill	I Smith	Keowneville	R W Gury, R J Lee and Foster Robbins	8	2	1	5	2	129	126 95	36 00						1st.
Philadelphia	G W Potter	Walton	J Baker, J S Perry and J H Wilson	1	2	1	1	1	35								4th.
Piney Grove	Tho Gorley	Toocopola	T Go ley and I J Carr	3	1	1	1	1	31								1st.
Pleasant Dale	J M Goolsby	Liberty Hill	T E Sullivan and H B Vaughan	7	4	2	2	2	99	75 55	15 00						2d.
Spring Hill	W F Davis	Pontotoc	W A Rodgers, G F Nance and W L Souther	10	4	4	2	2	109	78 00	13 50						1st.
Shiloh	I M Gray	Lafayette Springs	W U Hampton, John Gray and J H Welch	1	6	3	5	2	72								1st.
Shady Grove	J T Pitts	Esperanza	J B Dyson	4	4	1	1	1	63								2d.
Salem	W L Farmer	Bethlehem	M J Rheu and J B Rheu	4	4	1	1	1	14								1st.
Spring Creek	W L Farmer	Waterford	H D Blaylock, John T Brown and A J Gaines	8	6	1	2	1	32								3d.
Temperance Hill	D E Gambrell	Holly Springs	D E Gambrell, J M Shetract and J W Boatwright	7	3	1	2	1	87	100 00							2d.
Toocopola	C W Smith	Toocopola	C W Smith, F M Farrell and J T Hodges	1	1	4	2	1	88								3d.
Union	C W Smith	Dallas	F M Vines, J W Watts and W O Vines	4	4	1	2	1	51								5d.
Zion Hill	W L Farmer	New Albany	John P Tate, R N Stephens and Jessy Wood	197	123	24	11	98	31	2718							
Total																	

The above Financial Statistics were not reported by all the churches.

